### Minutes State Board of Education Thursday, November 14, 2019

The Arkansas State Board of Education (State Board) met Thursday, November 14, 2019, in the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (Division) Auditorium. Chair Ms. Diane Zook called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Zook led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Ms. Diane Zook, Chair; Ms. Charisse Dean, Vice-Chair; Dr. Sarah Moore; Mr. Brett Williamson; Ms. Kathy McFetridge; Ms. Susan Chambers (via phone); Dr. Fitz Hill; Ms. Ouida Newton; Mr. Chad Pekron; Ms. Stacey McAdoo, 2019 Arkansas Teacher of the Year; and Mr. Johnny Key, Secretary

Absent: None

### Changes to Agenda

Ms. Zook said A-6 Consideration of Waiver for Standards for Accreditation - Lee County School District was pulled from the agenda.

Mr. Key briefly discussed the \$38 million literacy grant received from the U.S. Department of Education. He said the grant would discussed in more detail during his Friday report.

### **Consent Agenda**

Ms. Newton commented on consent agenda item 3. She said the long term sub report was different and difficult to read and requested the report be changed back to the old format.

Mr. Pekron asked that consent agenda item 4 be pulled for the December action agenda.

Dr. Moore asked that consent agenda item 5 be pulled for the December action agenda. On consent agenda item 8, Dr. Moore asked PLSB Chief Investigator Mr. Eric James how often the educator is checked in on during the one year of probation. Mr. James said there are levels of trainings for probations and not necessarily check-ins. On consent agenda item 10, Dr. Moore had Little Rock School District Superintendent Mr. Mike Poore further discuss Project Lead the Way. Mr. Poore said there has been a lot of student interest in the program.

Ms. Zook asked Public School Program Advisor Ms. Kelly McLaughlin to relay her comments on consent agenda item 13 to the Mena School District. She said she noticed the district had growth in all of their groups except in their Caucasian population. Ms. Zook said she would like to hear from the district about why the data looks this way.

Items included for consideration in the Consent Agenda were as follows.

- 1. Minutes
- 2. Newly Employed, Promotions and Separations
- 3. Consideration of Report on Waivers to School Districts for Teachers Teaching Out of Area for Longer than Thirty (30) Days, Ark. Code Ann § 6-17-309
- 4. Consideration of the Recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board for Case # 18-132 Steven Anthony

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- 5. Consideration of the Recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board for Case # 19-033 Brooke Dunigan
- 6. Consideration of the Recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board for Case # 19-081-19-149 Nicole Huff
- 7. Consideration of the Recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board for Case # 19-143 Belinda Jordan
- 8. Consideration of the Recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board for Case # 19-152 Tina Burgess
- 9. Consideration of the Recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board for Case # 19-163 Ashley Fischer
- 10. Little Rock School District Act 1240 Annual Progress Report
- 11. Jessieville School District Act 1240 Annual Progress Report
- 12. Malvern School District Act 1240 Annual Progress Report
- 13. Mena School District Act 1240 Annual Progress Report
- 14. Mountain Pine School District Act 1240 Annual Progress Report

Ms. Dean moved, seconded by Dr. Hill, to approve the consent agenda minus consent agenda items 4 and 5. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Action Agenda A**

### A-1 Resolution - Computer Science Week

State Director of Computer Science Education Mr. Anthony Owen read a resolution on Arkansas Computer Science Education Week. He also invited the State Board members and listening audience to the community coding event which will be held on December 9, 2019, at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock's engineering building.

There was no motion on this item.

### A-2 State Board Review of PLSB 17-178 Evidentiary Hearing Recommendation – Haley Diane Widby

General Counsel Ms. Lori Freno reviewed the evidentiary hearing procedures. She said Ms. Widby had two objections to the decisions of the Ethics Hearing Subcommittee. The first objection was that the hearing was not conducted in the timeframe of the law. Also, while the educator agrees that she violated Standard 1, Ms. Widby objects to the severity of the sanction imposed. The educator's objections triggered a full review by the State Board. Ms. Widby is represented by attorney, Ms. Andrea Brock.

Ms. Brock directed the State Board to the timeline listed on page 216 of the transcript provided and discussed how the hearing was not conducted in the timeframe of the law.

Mr. Pekron asked if Ms. Brock had any case law supporting what happens for failure to finish the investigation in the time allotted. Ms. Brock said there are no relevant examples, most of these cases do not end up before the Supreme Court.

Staff Attorney Mr. Taylor Dugan passed out of the relevant statute, saying it is the PLSB's position that the timeline in the statute is directory and not mandatory. Mr. Dugan discussed another case which involved a failure to follow a timeline for a dispute over farming supplies (seeds) and its relation to this case regarding how the timeline was handled. He said it is the

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PLSB's position that the statute doesn't have any listed consequences for not meeting the provided timeline and is therefore directory only.

Ms. Zook asked when the objection to the timeline was first brought up by the educator. Mr. Dugan said the educator's attorney brought up the timeline objection in September 2018, but the Evidentiary Hearing Panel denied the related motion.

Mr. Pekron moved, seconded by Mr. Williamson, to dismiss the complaint based on lack of timeliness. Dr. Moore asked what would happen if the motion passed. Mr. Dugan said that the case would be dismissed and there would be no revocation of the educator's license. There was a roll call vote. Dr. Moore, Ms. Dean, and Ms. Newton did not vote. Mr. Pekron, Dr. Hill, Ms. Chambers, Ms. McFetridge, and Mr. Williamson voted yes. The motion passed.

### A-3 Mulerider Learning Educators Advanced Practicum (LEAP)

Public School Program Advisor Mr. Michael Rowland said in August the State Board approved the LEAP program as a way for Southern Arkansas University (SAU) to partner with Magnolia School District for using student teachers in different roles. SAU requests approval to expand the program to other districts.

Southern Arkansas University Associate Professor of Education Dr. Neelie Dobbins said the LEAP program has been piloted in the Magnolia School District with two of their student teachers this term and it has been very successful. She said both candidates have been offered teaching positions to start in January 2020. Dr. Dobbins said there have been other school districts expressing interest in the program and they are asking permission to partner with the interested districts.

Dr. Moore asked if the students would be placed into a school this spring and Dr. Dobbins confirmed. Dr. Moore expressed a concern of the distance for the Paris School District partnership. Dr. Dobbins said the Paris School District assistant superintendent is also an adjunct professor for Southern Arkansas University and would be the contact for this program. She also provided additional information regarding how the program would work for these districts.

El Dorado School District Superintendent Mr. Jim Tucker said that his district has a math instructional facilitator and a literacy instructional facilitator for additional support. He also discussed the teacher induction mentoring program his district uses. Mr. Tucker talked about the professional development which is held before the start of the semester as well.

Paris School District Mr. Wayne Fawcett said his district also have a mentoring system in place for teachers and he is confident in their support system.

Lafayette County School District Superintendent Mr. Robert Edwards said his district currently has no positions available, but they would like to have the opportunity available to them. The district also has mentoring through the local education service cooperative.

Camden Fairview School District Special Programs Coordinator Ms. Javanna McCall spoke about the Professional Learning Community system her district is working with as a way of teacher support. She said they have collaborative and content teams.

Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Mr. Williamson, to approve the request. The motion passed unanimously.

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### A-4 Consideration of Charter Authorizing Panel Decisions - Summary Information

# a. Consideration of Charter Authorizing Panel Decision on Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Amendment Request: Arkansas Connections Academy

Public School Program Advisor Ms. Kelly McLaughlin said on October 15, 2019, representatives of Arkansas Connections Academy appeared before the Charter Authorizing Panel requesting an amendment to their charter. By a unanimous vote, the Panel approved the request. No request for the State Board of Education to review the decision made by the Panel was submitted. The State Board may exercise a right of review and conduct a hearing on the Charter Authorizing Panel's determination at the State Board's next meeting.

Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Ms. Dean, to not review the Charter Authorizing Panel's decision. The motion passed unanimously.

# b. Consideration of Charter Authorizing Panel Decision on Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Amendment Request: LISA Academy

Public School Program Advisor Ms. Kelly McLaughlin said on October 15, 2019, representatives of LISA Academy appeared before the Charter Authorizing Panel requesting amendments to their charter. By a unanimous vote, the Panel approved the request. No request for the State Board of Education to review the decision made by the Panel was submitted. The State Board may exercise a right of review and conduct a hearing on the Charter Authorizing Panel's determination at the State Board's next meeting.

Mr. Pekron moved, seconded by Mr. Williamson, to not review the Charter Authorizing Panel's decision. The motion passed unanimously.

# c. Consideration of Charter Authorizing Panel Decision on Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Amendment Request: River Valley Virtual Academy

Public School Program Advisor Ms. Kelly McLaughlin said on October 15, 2019, representatives of River Valley Virtual Academy appeared before the Charter Authorizing Panel requesting an amendment to their charter. By a unanimous vote, the Panel approved the request. No request for the State Board of Education to review the decision made by the Panel was submitted. The State Board may exercise a right of review and conduct a hearing on the Charter Authorizing Panel's determination at the State Board's next meeting.

Mr. Williamson moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to not review the Charter Authorizing Panel's decision. The motion passed unanimously.

# d. Consideration of Charter Authorizing Panel Decision on Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Amendment Request: The Excel Center

Public School Program Advisor Ms. Kelly McLaughlin said on October 15, 2019, representatives of The Excel Center appeared before the Charter Authorizing Panel requesting an amendment to their charter. By a unanimous vote, the Panel approved the request. No request for the State Board of Education to review the decision made by the Panel was submitted. The State Board may exercise a right of review and conduct a

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hearing on the Charter Authorizing Panel's determination at the State Board's next meeting.

Ms. Dean moved, seconded by Dr. Moore, to not review the Charter Authorizing Panel's decision. The motion passed unanimously.

# e. Consideration of Charter Authorizing Panel Decision on District Conversion Public Charter School Application: Adventure Online Academy

Coordinator of Monitoring and Systems Support Ms. Tracy Webb said on October 15, 2019, representatives of Adventure Online Academy appeared before the Charter Authorizing Panel requesting a charter in the Waldron School District. By a unanimous vote, the Panel approved the request. No request for the State Board of Education to review the decision made by the Panel was submitted. The State Board may exercise a right of review and conduct a hearing on the Charter Authorizing Panel's determination at the State Board's next meeting.

Mr. Pekron moved, seconded by Dr. Hill, to not review the Charter Authorizing Panel's decision. The motion passed unanimously.

# f. Consideration of Charter Authorizing Panel Decision on District Conversion Public Charter School Application: Centerpoint Academy of Agriculture and Skilled Trades

Coordinator of Monitoring and Systems Support Ms. Tracy Webb said on October 15, 2019, representatives of Centerpoint Academy of Agriculture and Skilled Trades appeared before the Charter Authorizing Panel requesting a charter in the Centerpoint School District. By a unanimous vote, the Panel approved the request. No request for the State Board of Education to review the decision made by the Panel was submitted. The State Board may exercise a right of review and conduct a hearing on the Charter Authorizing Panel's determination at the State Board's next meeting.

Ms. Newton moved, seconded Mr. Pekron, to not review the Charter Authorizing Panel's decision. The motion passed unanimously.

### g. Consideration of Charter Authorizing Panel Decision on District Conversion Public Charter School Application: Southside Junior High School

Coordinator of Monitoring and Systems Support Ms. Tracy Webb said on October 15, 2019, representatives of Southside Junior High School appeared before the Charter Authorizing Panel requesting a charter in the Southside School District. By a unanimous vote, the Panel approved the request. No request for the State Board of Education to review the decision made by the Panel was submitted. The State Board may exercise a right of review and conduct a hearing on the Charter Authorizing Panel's determination at the State Board's next meeting.

Dr. Moore moved, seconded by Ms. Dean, to not review the Charter Authorizing Panel's decision. The motion passed unanimously.

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### A-5 District Request for Waivers Granted to Open-Enrollment Charters

### a. District Request for Waivers Granted to Open-Enrollment Charters: North Little Rock School District

Public School Program Advisor Ms. Kelly McLaughlin said according to Arkansas Code Annotated 6-15-103, a school district can petition the State Board of Education for all or some of the waivers granted to an Open-Enrollment Public Charter School. Representatives of the North Little Rock School District are appearing before the Board with a petition of waivers for teacher licensure, flexible scheduling, as well as class size and teaching load and their 90 days expires November 14, 2019. The request is for a period of five years.

North Little Rock School District Assistant Superintendent Ms. Karli Saracini provided information about the North Little Rock Opportunity Culture model.

Ms. McAdoo noted that she had the opportunity to hear from North Little Rock's teacher leaders a few months ago and was excited by what she heard.

North Little Rock School District Human Resources Director Ms. Cheryl Reinhart said the district is committed to the process and provided an overview of the waivers being requested.

Ms. McFetridge asked if the school district would be willing to alter their request to a three year period instead of five years. North Little Rock Superintendent Mr. Bobby Acklin would prefer to keep their request for a five year waiver as is.

Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Mr. Pekron, to grant the requested waivers for a period of five years. The motion passed unanimously.

# (Pulled from Agenda) A-6 Consideration of Waiver for Standards for Accreditation - Lee County School District

This action item was pulled from the meeting agenda.

#### **Action Agenda B**

Ms. Diane Zook read a statement regarding meeting decorum and public comment.

### B-1 Request for Transfer of Succeed Scholarship: Wilson

Deputy General Counsel Ms. Courtney Salas-Ford said the ADE Rules Governing the Succeed Scholarship Program require the parent of a student receiving a Succeed Scholarship who wishes to enroll the student in another private school from the list of eligible private schools, to request approval from the State Board of Education. The Wilson family requests approval to transfer their scholarship.

Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Ms. Dean, to approve the Wilson family's request. The motion passed unanimously.

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### B-2 Consideration of Diversity and Inclusion Report: Haas Hall Academy

Deputy General Counsel Ms. Courtney Salas-Ford said representatives of Haas Hall Academy presented its Diversity and Partnership Report to the State Board of Education on February 14, 2019, and an Addendum to the Report on April 11, 2019. The State Board requested that the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), Equity Assistance Center (EAC) provide assistance to Haas Hall by reviewing diversity and inclusion practices, procedures, and policies, and developing an action plan for areas identified for improvement. Ms. Salas-Ford introduced the EAC team members and provided an overview of the unit.

The EAC recommendations for Haas Hall Academy to advance in their goals were as follows.

- 1. Maintain a clear and shared understanding of intentional diversity and inclusion;
- 2. Develop diversity/inclusion goals and actions that have well-defined outcomes, a specified timeframe for measuring progress, and are based on sufficient data analysis;
- Utilize targeted recruitment strategies that increase the diversity of student and staff applicant pools;
- 4. Maintain an unbiased hiring process for classified and certified staff; and
- 5. Maintain a school environment that intentionally supports student and staff diversity.

Ms. Newton asked if there was a timeline for implementation of the action steps in the report. Ms. Salas-Ford said the timeline is to be developed in the future.

Dr. Hill said it is important to have a specific goal. He wants to see a targeted effort regarding administration and faculty. He noted that he is disappointed that there is a diversity plan, but diversity is decreasing.

Ms. Zook recommended that Haas Hall Academy partner with the Fayetteville, Rogers, and Springdale School Districts to collaborate regarding diversity methods.

Dr. Hill moved, seconded by Ms. McFetridge, to accept Haas Hall Academy's Diversity and Inclusion Report with the request that the school provide Dr. Hill with measureable goals. The motion passed unanimously.

### B-3 For Final Approval: DESE Rules Governing Public School Choice

Staff Attorney Ms. Jennifer Dedman said this rule has been amended to incorporate the changes of Acts 171 and 754 of 2019. The rule combines the ADE Rules Governing the Public School Choice Program of 2015 and the ADE Rules Governing Opportunity School Choice into a single rule. Those rules are simultaneously proposed for repeal for this reason. Governor's approval was received on September 10, 2019. These Rules were released for public comment on September 13, 2019, and a public comment hearing held on September 26, 2019. Public comments were received, however, no substantive changes were made.

Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Ms. Dean, to provide final approval for DESE Rules Governing Public School Choice. The motion passed unanimously.

#### B-4 For Final Approval: DESE Rules Governing the Regulatory Basis of Accounting

General Counsel Ms. Lori Freno said on September 13, 2019, the State Board released these rules for public comment. A public comment hearing was held and the public comment period ended October 19, 2019. No changes were made to the rules as the result of public comment.

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Mr. Pekron moved, seconded by Ms. McFetridge, to provide final approval for DESE Rules Governing the Regulatory Basis of Accounting. The motion passed unanimously.

## B-5 Consideration for Final Approval: DESE Rules Governing the Arkansas Educational Support and Accountability Act (AESAA)

Deputy General Counsel Ms. Courtney Salas-Ford said amendment of these Rules is necessary to incorporate provisions of Acts 83, 631, 754, 1082, and 1083 of 2019. The State Board approved these rules for public comment on September 13, 2019. A public comment hearing was held on September 26, 2019, and the public comment period expired on October 19, 2019. Public comments were received but no substantive changes were made.

Ms. McFetridge moved, seconded by Ms. Dean, to provide final approval for DESE Rules Governing the Arkansas Educational Support and Accountability Act (AESAA). The motion passed unanimously.

# B-6 Consideration for Final Approval: DESE Rules Governing Test Security, Testing Violations, and Testing Improprieties

Deputy General Counsel Ms. Courtney Salas-Ford said amendment of these Rules is necessary to incorporate provisions of Act 930 of 2017. The State Board approved these rules for public comment on September 13, 2019. A public comment hearing was held on September 26, 2019, and the public comment period expired on October 19, 2019. Public comments were received but no substantive changes were made.

Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Mr. Pekron, to provide final approval for DESE Rules Governing Test Security, Testing Violation, and Testing Improprieties. The motion passed unanimously.

#### B-7 For Final Approval: DESE Rules Governing Class Size and Teaching Load

Staff Attorney Ms. Mary Claire Hyatt said the Division Rules Governing Class Size and Teaching Load were amended to include the provisions of Act 979 of 2019, and to include a definition of the term, "elementary model." Ms. Hyatt said there was no substantive public comment.

Ms. Newton moved, seconded by Ms. Dean, to provide final approval for the DESE Rules Governing Class Size and Teaching Load. The motion passed unanimously.

# B-8 Consideration for Release for Public Comment: DESE Rules Governing Kindergarten through 12th Grade Immunization Requirements in Arkansas Public Schools

Staff Attorney Ms. Mary Claire Hyatt said changes to these rules were made to incorporate provisions of Act 676 of 2019. DESE staff respectfully requests that they be released for public comment, pending the Governor's review.

Mr. Pekron moved, seconded by Dr. Hill, to approve release for public comment, pending review by the Governor's office. The motion passed unanimously.

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## B-9 Consideration for Release for Public Comment: DESE Rules Governing Student Discipline and School Safety

Deputy General Counsel Ms. Courtney Salas-Ford the amendment of these rules is necessary to incorporate Acts 557, 640, 709, and 1029 of 2019. DESE staff respectfully requests approval to release these rules for public comment, pending review by the Governor's office.

Ms. Dean moved, seconded by Ms. McFetridge, to approve the release for public comment, pending review by the Governor's office. The motion passed unanimously.

# B-10 Consideration for Release for Public Comment: DESE Rules Governing Special Education and Related Services, Sec. 11.00 Discipline Procedures

Deputy General Counsel Ms. Courtney Salas-Ford said the amendment of these rules is necessary to incorporate provisions of Act 557 of 2019. DESE staff respectfully requests approval to release these rules for public comment, pending review by the Governor's office.

Ms. McFetridge moved, seconded by Ms. Moore, to approve release for public comment, pending review by the Governor's office. The motion pass unanimously.

### B-11 Consideration for Release for Public Comment: DESE Rules Governing Special Education and Related Services, Sec. 18.00 Residential Placement

Deputy General Counsel Ms. Courtney Salas-Ford said the amendment of these rules is necessary to incorporate provisions of Act 523 of 2019. DESE staff respectfully requests approval to release these rules for public comment, pending review by the Governor's office.

Mr. Pekron moved, seconded by Dr. Hill, to approve the release for public comment, pending review by the Governor's office. The motion passed unanimously.

B-12 Consideration for Release for Public Comment: Repeal of DESE Rules Governing Special Education and Related Services, Sec. 22.00 Home Schooling; Repeal of DESE Rules Governing Special Education and Related Services, Sec. 23.00 Testing Assessment and Accountability Program/Academic Distress; Repeal of DESE Rules Governing Special Education and Related Services, Sec. 27.00 Charter Schools; Repeal of DESE Rules Governing Special Education and Related Services, Sec. 28.00 Uniform Grading Scales

Deputy General Counsel Ms. Courtney Salas-Ford said repeal of these sections from the Special Education and Related Services Rules is necessary as these rules are stand-alone rules, not specific to Special Education, and not current. DESE staff respectfully requests approval to release repeal of these rules for public comment, pending review by the Governor's office.

Ms. McFetridge moved, seconded by Ms. Dean, to approve the release for public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **B-13 LRSD Reconstitution**

Mr. Pekron moved, seconded by Ms. Dean, to hear public comment regarding the Little Rock School District Reconstitution action item. The motion passed unanimously.

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### a. Proposal to Add Two Additional at Large Members to the LRSD Community Advisory Board

General Counsel Ms. Lori Freno said approval is being requested to allow for the designation of two additional at-large members to the Little Rock School District Community Advisory Board. She said a list a candidates would be provided for consideration by the City of Little Rock and approved by the State Board of Education.

Mr. Key said the request was based on previous public comments stating the community wanted to have additional public input.

Ms. Zook noted her concern on adding new members during a time of transition for the school district.

Dr. Moore asked if there will be training for the new members. Mr. Key said both the school district and the Division would provide training.

Ms. Zook noted there is now an opening on the Community Advisory Board for Zone 5 due to a recent resignation.

#### b. Review of Process to Establish LRSD School District Board Member Zones

Deputy General Counsel Ms. Courtney Salas-Ford said the State Board voted to return local control of the LRSD through the election of a nine member school district board of directors. This requires the establishment of nine new single-member zones. She said all the dates on the provided timeline are required by statutes. Ms. Salas-Ford said the Division contacted the Arkansas GIS Office for assistance in creating possible zones and they delivered three different options for considerations. Ms. Salas-Ford discussed the pros and cons of each layout. She noted that that the options were drafts and it is possible to make some edits to the plans in conjunction with the Arkansas GIS Office, if needed.

Dr. Moore asked what the process would be moving forward and Ms. Salas-Ford provided a brief overview of the process. Ms. Zook said she thinks that the State Board should make the final decision in cooperation with Mr. Key, instead of Mr. Key making the final decision for the board member zones.

#### c. Consideration of Draft MOU

General Counsel Ms. Lori Freno said, per the motion at the October 10th SBE meeting, the proposed MOU has been drafted for consideration and discussion. She said this is a working document to start conversation.

Mr. Pekron said the MOU is not currently what he envisioned last month. He said he would like to have a revised MOU with a few guardrails while still in need of Level 5 support. Mr. Pekron also discussed the need to let the community know a clear set of exit criteria to get out of the need for Level 5 support.

Ms. McFetridge said she would like the Personnel Policy Committee (PPC) to have a representative from each school building. Ms. Zook said that the State Board could vote to open the process back up to include additional teachers.

Dr. Moore said she would like a work session regarding certain items for the Little Rock School District, in order to have more in-depth discussions.

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Ms. Newton and Ms. McAdoo said they would like more information about the community schools model. Mr. Key asked Dr. Hernandez to talk about community schools, who provided a provided an overview of the model. There was some discussion on possible State Board member concerns on the community school model.

#### d. LRSD Attendance Zones

Little Rock School District Superintendent Mr. Mike Poore said the two driving factors in the need to modify attendance zones are as follows.

- 1. The LRSD Blueprint which was approved January February 2019
- 2. The agreement in the lawsuit settlement to redraw high school zones with a race neutral target.

Mr. Poore said the intentions for any attendance zone changes are to avoid resegregation; improve feeder patterns; enhance School Choice options; utilize district resources efficiently; and elevate academic performance. He provided a detailed review of the potential updates to the elementary, middle, and high school zone maps and answered specific questions on each map from the State Board members.

Public comment was heard.

There was a recess of the State Board following the public comment. Upon their return to the auditorium, Ms. Zook said the State Board would finish their discussion of action item B-13 and any new business on Friday, November 15, 2019.

#### **New Business**

Any new business to be discussed Friday, November 15, 2019.

#### **Public Comments**

No additional public comment was heard.

#### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Meeting minutes recorded by Tiffany Donovan

Ms. Diane Zook, SBE Chair

Mr. Johnny Key, Secretary of Education

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